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SUBJECT: PALESTINIAN LEADER VISITS QATAR TO BRIEF ON
PALESTINE NATIONAL CONGRESS

1. PALESTINIAN (FATAH) LEADER MAHMUD ABBAS (ABU MAZIN) VISITED DOHA MAR 25-27. HE CALLED ON AMIR AND MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS, PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO BRIEF AMIR ON RECENT PALESTINE NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC). USUAL STATEMENTS OF GOQ SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND PALESTINIAN THANKS FOR THIS SUPPORT WERE ISSUED.

2. IN LONG STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN DAILY "AL ARAB" MARCH 27, ABBAS REVIEWED BACKGROUND AND EVENTS OF PNC. HE OUTLINED DIFFICULTIES THAT HAD FACED THE CONGRESS, I.E. LEBANESE SITUATION; INTRA-PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT DIFFICULTIES--REJECTIONISTS VERSUS NON-UNCLASSIFIED

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REJECTIONISTS; DIFFERENCES OVER TOUGHENING OR EASING "TEN POINT PROGRAM"; EXTERNAL PRESSURE FROM U.S. AND OTHER MEDIA TO AMEND PALESTINE NATIONAL COVENANT ARTICLES WHICH DEAL WITH "RIGHT OF JEWISH PEOPLE IN PALESTINE"; CONDITIONING OF PALESTINIAN INVITATION TO GENEVA ON ACCEPTANCE OF UN RESOLUTION 242 AND RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL; ASSASSINATION OF KAMAL JUMBLATT. ABBAS INDICATED THAT UNFRIENDLY OBSERVERS, AMONG WHOM HE IMPLIED WAS

U.S., WERE COUNTING ON PNC'S BEING WRECKED BY THESE CONTROVERSIES.

3. ABBAS CONTINUED THAT OTHER EVENTS, HOWEVER, HAD DICTATED THAT CONGRESS BE HELD, I.E. RABAT RECOGNITION OF PLO; PLO'S "ENTRY" INTO UN; UN CONDEMNATION OF ZIONISM AS RACISM, WHICH "ELIMINATED" BASIS FOR PRESENCE OF ISRAEL; UN RESOLUTION ON PALESTINIAN RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENT STATE; LEBANESE SITUATION.

4. ABBAS ENUMERATED PNC'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS FOLLOWS: RE-ELECTION OF KHALID FAHOUM AS PRESIDENT AND RE-ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICIALS DESPITE DETERMINED OPPOSITION FROM SIAQA AND OTHER FACTIONS; ISSUANCE OF POLITICAL REPORT, WHICH ABBAS DESCRIBED AS MORE OF A "PRESS RELEASE" SINCE IT DID NOT INCLUDE EVERYTHING. HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE ISSUES WHICH HAD TO REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL, AND THAT REPORT AS ISSUED HAD BEEN SEVERELY CRITICIZED FOR ITS BREVITY AND LACK OF COMPREHENSIVENESS.

5. ACCORDING ABBAS, SOME OF THE MOST ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE DURING CONGRESS WAS ON THE SUBJECT OF PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI CONTACTS, AND THOSE THAT HAD MADE SUCH CONTACTS HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO SEVERE CRITICISM.

6. ABBAS LEFT TOTAL IMPRESSION THAT THE MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF PNC WAS THAT IT SURVIVED RECENT CONCLAVE.

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